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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Service - Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities - Criteria**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the criteria developed by the Secretary of
4 Transportation with respect to the distribution of certain funds to a county for
5 transportation service to elderly and handicapped persons shall include a
6 provision that allows the funds to be made available to a county with exemplary
7 performance records as to the provision of transportation service to elderly and
8 handicapped persons in the county.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 2-103.3(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 2-103.3(e)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 2-103.3.

23 (a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) "County" includes Baltimore City.

25 (3) "Elderly and handicapped person" means any person who, by reason
26 of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary

1 incapacity or disability, is unable to use mass transit facilities and services as
2 effectively as a person who is not so affected.

3 (4) "Transportation service" means any transportation option or mix of
4 options that may include paratransit or fixed route service, established or employed
5 by a county to accommodate the transportation needs of its elderly and handicapped
6 residents.

7 (e) (1) If any of the allocated funds described in subsection (c) of this section
8 are not applied for by the counties within 6 months after the beginning of the fiscal
9 year, the Secretary shall make those funds available to counties pursuant to
10 application procedures and criteria developed by the Secretary, in consultation with
11 the Department of Aging and the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities.
12 The criteria shall provide that:

13 (i) Such funds may be made available to counties WITH
14 EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE RECORDS AS TO THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
15 SERVICE TO ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS OR TO COUNTIES in which the
16 Secretary determines that additional funds for transportation service to [the] elderly
17 and handicapped PERSONS are most needed; and

18 (ii) Local match requirements described in subsection (f) of this
19 section shall apply to all disbursements.

20 (2) A written application submitted by a county under this subsection
21 may not be accepted or considered by the Secretary unless the local area agency on
22 aging certifies its approval of the project for the funding for which the application is
23 made.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2001.